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Big Ikes Talkers Now Look  
Like Tadpoles

For a long time there have been hundreds and hundreds of important, egotistic and self-laudator Negroes and white folks talking all over themselves about what they are going to do and who they are and what they represent. Yea, there are many hundreds of Negroes and some white folks whom we hear on the sides of the streets saying: "I am not going to stand for this, that or what not." some of them are heard to say I am not going to stand for this and the other. But you meet those same "Cullud" brothers, hungry, begging for bread, some where to sleep, some money with which to buy coffee, sugar, molasses. All of you Big Ikes are now sulking in your tents. Dodging, cringing, and are now wanting jobs? Yea, wanting something to eat, wanting a place to make a dollar. Take your medicine. Vote the Democratic ticket, smooth over the European war-like trouble. Settle the coal strike. Go to work and stop standing around on the streets. Wait till your bosses tell you what to do. Cheer up — smile, dam it, smile, and the world will smile with you, but weep and you will weep alone. Save your money as if you have none just take our medicine, don't get mad be sweet. This unusual thing will soon smooth itself all OK.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

April 26, 1939  
Bluefield State Teachers col.  
Bluefield, W. Va.  
Editor of the McDowell Times,  
Keystone, W. Va.

Dear Sir:

Please give me space in your very valuable publication to give my idea an opinion concerning a great question that consumed most of the time of the 44th Session of the legislature of the state concerning the abolition of the Justice of the Peace system in this state.

I have been a reader of the state's leading newspapers for quite a while and I have noticed attentively that for several weeks a column on the editorial page has been used for the purpose of views on the abolition of the J. P. system and it seems as if the consensus of opinion is on the part of those giving their views are opposing should know about the old Ky.

the system.

Varied and unpleasant references have been made of the Justice of the Peace system as a "Racket." As a citizen interested in the question I am led to believe that because of some external or fortuitous circumstances that we are or we have received too much propaganda. It is an evident fact that there has been and still some Justices of Peace that are unworthy of their office of trust. I think that when startling facts are revealed concerning Justices of the Peace collecting fines and how inconsistent they may be the Justice's name should be given instead of saying a certain Justice of the Peace, and if proper evidence can be found that person should be charged with malfeasance and misconduct in office, and made to answer such charges in court.

It is naturally that a man will not deny an accusation placed against a group personally, but because of his high manners and good ethical training refuse to deny. Then we must consider the great piece of humanitarian work that was performed by the system in the early formation of this great state, and the first and oldest system of our judicial set-up.

A few days ago in one of our great cities a Federal judge was charged with malfeasance and misconduct in office and was on the verge of impeachment but resigned before such could happen but there was no attempt what soever to charge the entire judiciary same as it is with the JP system. Put those persons out of office that are unfit and improve the system gradually instead of abolition.

It has been said that "the time has come to rid the state of a judicial system so fraught with evil. Other states have taken the lead in this reform movement and it is well for West Virginia to delay no longer in casting its lot with those of progressive thought and action."

First we must consider the so-called progressive states, Virginia's a state which has not had a decent thought of the Negro since the death of Thomas Jefferson. They were denied their Constitutional rights and privileges and are still being denied. Kentucky is a state of "Colonels," and a state of disfranchisement. All Negroes giving their views are opposing should know about the old Ky.

Coonel and his darky). Yet those states are called progressive and used as a comparison to the gret state whose motto is: Montani Semper Liberi—Mountaineers are Always Free. I believe that the citizens of this state and public opinion as far as the common people are concerned will not vote for the abolition of such an honorable branch of the Judiciary, but for the retention of such a much-needed Judiciary. They will vote for the retention of the system, but for the abalition of the Democratic administration, which has lowered the condition of the Negro economically. I have made a careful study of the question at my own exense and I am compelled todraw these conclusions:

1. An attempt to centralize all powers. 2. To exclude the Negro from the Judiciary set-up.

(the new set-up requires the governor to appoint a summary Judge and it is doubtful that a Negro will ever be appointed, but as it is now any citizen can be elected by popular vote.

3. An attempt to make the administration permanent.

If we wish to preserve our rights in which our great leaders were at such pains to establish, we need to become aware of the struggle against American principals already taking place in this state and nation against the Negro. Dictators like gangsters and machine politicians thrive on public indifference. Anything short of intelligent social mindedness affords them just the chance they are looking for. I ask all citizens of color to unite and keep West Virginians from being "Virginianized" by exercising their right of suffrage. Warnings are never enough. Brave and intelligent action must follow. It is a challenge to the young Negro, as well as old, and beyond that a duty.

—Robert L. Gibson.

Must Not Use Mail Sacks  
It is a violation of the law to use government mail sacks for purposes other than mail.

## Halls of State Colleges Renamed

Charleston, April 26. — Presidents of all state colleges were assured of another year of services tonight with faculties undergoing but few major changes. Reappointed were President H. L. Dickason of BSTG; Joseph Rosier of Fairmont State, Paul N. Elbin of West Liberty and John W. Davis of West Virginia State. Supt. Edward Bolling of the Negro schools for the deaf and blind likewise was re-named.

## WILSON'S ADVICE

Something in the late President Wilson's message to Congress back in 1918 has far more implications today than it did then.

"The Congress might well consider," President Wilson declared, "whether the high rates of income and profits taxes can in peacetime be effectively productive of revenue and whether they may not, on the contrary, be destructive of business activity and productive of waste and inefficiency. There is a point at which in peacetime high rates of income and profits taxes discourage energy, remove the incentive to new enterprise, encourage extravagant expenditures and produce industrial stagnation, with consequent unemployment and other attendant evils."

How times change. Living today, voicing this warning, Woodrow Wilson, an outstanding liberal of a generation ago, would be roundly denounced by the New Deal "smear" squads as a reactionary and an advocate of plutocracy and privilege.

But the truth of his words has lost none of its sharpness with the passing years.

ALL ABLE-BODIED MEN  
ON RELIEF MUST WORK

Plan Goes Into Effect On Last Monday — Director Garnett's Order Sweeping; Cities, etc., May Requisition Their Labor

Charleston, April 29.—After May 1st all able-bodied men receiving relief grants will be expected to work for their grants, the Department of Public Assistance has announced.

Under authority granted by the 1939 legislature, the Depart-

ment set up machinery to allow any political subdivision to requisition from the County Welfare councils for use on public works male relief clients who are physically fit.

Director A. W. Garnett, in announcing the operation of the new system, also told county authorities:

"All workers are, of course, expected to work to normal efficiency on the project to which they have been assigned and the job superintendent should, therefore, be permitted to make recommendations to the county director at any time as to the efficiency of said workers."

Relief officials construed this to mean that if those assigned to work declined to do so or loafed on the job that some steps might be taken to curtail relief grants.

The amount of work to be assigned each individual will be based on the relief grant which he receive during the preceding month. Works will be credited at the rate of 35c an hour, and cannot be employed for more than an eight hour day, or a 40 hour week.

It was pointed out that municipalities, county school boards, county courts and other governing bodies and agencies can take advantage of the act.

The Department estimated that not more than 5,000 would be physically able to participate in the work system. The general relief total now is nearly 22,000.

The order also included able-bodied male dependents in a household that receives supplemental aid in addition to old-age assistance.

All those above 16 come under the Department's interpretation.

Those who are assigned to various projects will be fully covered against accidents under the State Workmens compensation law.

## Thought Triumphs

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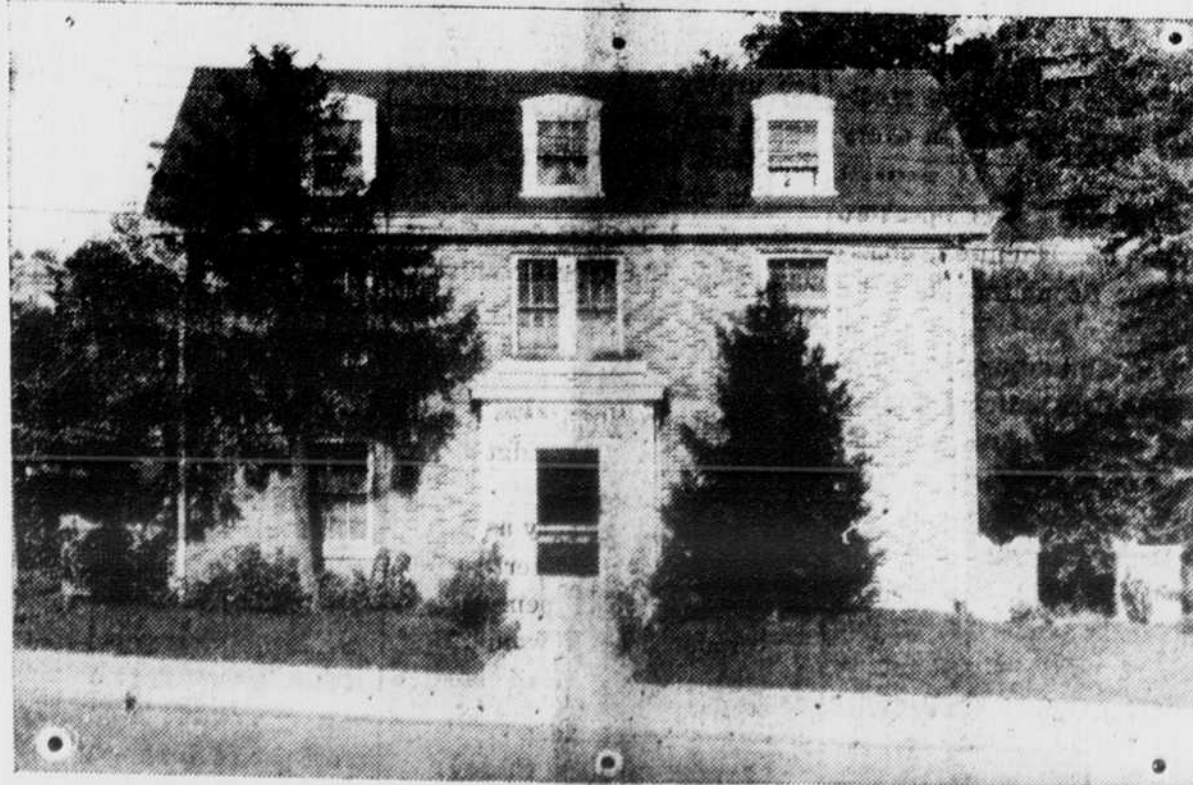
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